



**Background:**

Requested Action:

The Human Services Department and the In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) Public Authority request approval of a resolution to reappoint Joann Keyston to the IHSS Advisory Committee in order to remain in compliance with the Advisory Committee By-Laws approved by the Board of Supervisors. Members of this Committee are appointed by the Board as a whole and not by supervisory district.

On 04/15/03, the Board of Supervisors appointed Joann Keyston to the IHSS Advisory Committee for an initial two-year term, under the category of "advocate for homecare service-delivery." On 04/15/05, Ms. Keyston was reappointed to a second two-year term, and on 04/10/07, she was reappointed to a third two-year term. Ms. Keyston currently serves as the Secretary of the Advisory Committee and has previously served as the Chair and Vice-Chair. Ms. Keyston's current term expired on 04/10/09 and it is requested she be reappointed to an additional two-year term.

Historical Background:

IHSS Advisory Committee: On 09/12/00, the Board of Supervisors approved the establishment of the IHSS Advisory Committee in order to comply with the statutory mandates of AB 1682. On 06/10/03, the Board of Supervisors approved revisions to the IHSS Advisory Committee By-Laws, which specify that the Committee member terms begin on the date appointed by the Board of Supervisors, and continue for two-years. The purpose of this Committee is to provide ongoing advice and recommendations on matters of IHSS service delivery and administration to the Board of Supervisors, Human Services Department, and IHSS Public Authority. See attachment for membership structure and listing of current members.

IHSS Program: IHSS is a Human Services Department program mandated by the State to serve clients who need assistance (shopping, cooking, housecleaning, bathing, etc.) in order to live in their homes. Those eligible are aged, blind, and disabled clients of public assistance or with low incomes. There are approximately 4,900 clients served by the Human Services Department's IHSS program.

IHSS Public Authority: By statute, the purpose of the IHSS Public Authority is twofold: 1) to act as the employer of record for IHSS caregivers for the purpose of collective bargaining over wages, hours, and other conditions of employment; and, 2) to provide specific functions (referral, registry, screening, and training) to IHSS clients and caregivers. On 06/05/01, the Board of Supervisors approved an ordinance to establish the IHSS Public Authority, as an independent public entity, with members of the Board of Supervisors serving as the Board of Directors. Through an Interagency Agreement between the Public Authority and the County, the Public Authority operates within the Human Services Department.

Recommended Action:

Approve a resolution reappointing Joann Keyston to the IHSS Advisory Committee beginning on April 11, 2009 and ending on April 11, 2011.

**Attachments:**

1. Resolution
2. IHSS Advisory Committee Members

**On File with Clerk:**

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**Board Action (If Other than "Requested")**

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**Vote:**